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SUBJECT:ECA: THIRD MEETING BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

AND ECA TRANS-AFRICAN HIGHWAY BUREAU, LATE 1974, ADDIS ABABA

1. ECA DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AW HAS SENT LETTER INVITING USG PARTICIPATION AT SUBJECT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1974, ENCLOSING PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (COPIES POUCHED IO/CMD). ECA HAS NOT ESTABLISHED EXACT DATE FOR MEETING.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO DETERMINE ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTING FOLLOWING SEGMENTS OF TRANS-AFRICAN HIGHWAY SYSTEM; (A) TRANS-AFRICAN HIGHWAY (MOMBASSA-LAGOS) AND FEEDER LINKS; (B) TRANS-WEST AFRICAN HIGHWAY (NOUAKCHOTT-NDJAMENA); AND (C) TRANS-WEST AFRICAN HIGHWAY (NOUAKCHOTT-LAGOS).

3. LETTER READS IN PART: QUOTE: IN VIEW OF THE ACUTE NATURE OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ON THE AGENDA, MAY I SUGGEST THAT THE DELEGATION SHOULD BE SO CONSTITUTED THAT IT CAN COMMIT YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE. TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, THERE IS A VERY URGENT NEED TO EMBARK ON THE TASK OF OPENING UP THE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT AND TO IMPROVE THEIR INTERNAL ROAD NETWORK TO SOME DEGREE, AND THE NOUAKCHOTT-NDJAMENA HIGHWAY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE A GREAT DEAL TO THE SOLUTION OF BOTH THESE PROBELSMS. END QUOTE.

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4. ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL AGENDA, TRANS-AFRICAN HIGHWAY BUREAU

WILL PRESENT PAPERS ON STATUS OF SEGMENTS LISTED PARA 2; AND
QUOTE: THE PARTICIPANTS WILL CENTER THEIR DISCUSSION ON THE
ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND WILL
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE FUTURE
PHASES OF THE VARIOUS PROJECTS. END QUOTE.

5. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE WHEN MEETING DATE SET.
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